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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR

SUBJECT: LOS: VISIT OF LAW OF THE SEA TEAM TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: STATE 53205

1. I NOTE WITH GREAT INTEREST THE PROPOSED VISIT OF AN LOS TEAM TO VARIOUS WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES, AND IT CONCUR WITH TEAM'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS. DESPITE SOME INDICATION TO AMBASSADOR, ASST. SEC. KUBISCH AND EMBOFFS OF MOVEMENT AWAY FROM ECUADOR'S TRADITIONAL LOS POSITION, SUCH TALKS, IF THEY WERE HELD IN ECUADOR, WOULD MOST PROBABLY ELICIT NOTHING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE FROM GOE COUNTERPARTS THAN A RESTATEMENT OF ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR ECUADOREAN ARGUMENTS ON 200 MILES AND TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY.

2. NEVERTHELESS, I FEEL THAT A BRIEF VISIT, SAY ONE DAY, WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO THE EMBASSY STAFF CONCERNED

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WITH LOS MATTERS, AND TO ME PERSONALLY. OVER THE COURSE

OF THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THE
GOE CLOSELY AND FREQUENTLY ON LOS, AND I FEEL WE COULD
ALL BENEFIT FROM AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE LOS TEAM.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF A FIRM ITINERARY, I AM UNABLE TO
SUGGEST THE MOST APPROPRIATE JUNCTURE FOR A VISIT TO
QUITO. HOWEVER, THERE IS DIRECT SERVICE FROM QUITO TO
BUENOS AIRES, LA PAZ, PORT OF SPAIN AND, THROUGH PANAMA,
TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CAPITALS. IN ADDITION TO THE
PANAMA CONNECTION, THERE IS DIRECT SERVICE TO QUITO
FROM PORT OF SPAIN AND, THROUGH GUAYAQUIL, FROM BUENOS
AIRES AND LA PAZ.

4. I WOULD WELCOME THE TEAM'S VISIT AT ANY TIME
DURING ITS PROJECTED TOUR, WITH THE SOLE CAVEAT THAT WE
WILL BE RECEIVING A GROUP FROM THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
APRIL 25-28 AND WILL NOT, I SUSPECT, BE IN THE BEST
POSITION DURING THOSE DAYS TO GIVE THE TEAM THE KIND OF
SINGLE-MINDED ATTENTION WHICH I ENVISION.
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